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Re:      Applicant(s):      Elizabeth A. Dauch and John W. Jacobs  
         Assignee:          NEC Electronics America, Inc.  
         Title:                TUNGSTEN PLUG CORROSION PREVENTION METHOD USING WATER  
         Application No.:    10/602,291  
         Filing Date:        June 24, 2003  
         Group Art Unit:    2812  
         Examiner:          Lynne Anne Gurley  
         Attorney Docket No.: NEC0252US

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (1 page, in duplicate)
- (3) Response To Election/Restriction Requirement (2 pages)

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the non-final Office Action dated January 26, 2004, having a shortened statutory period set to expire February 26, 2004.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

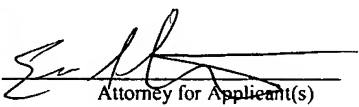
Group I. Claims 1-10, drawn to a method of making a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 622.

Group II. Claims 11-26, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 758+.

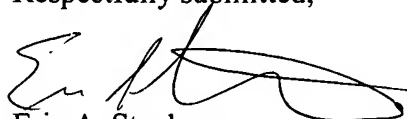
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In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, the applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute claims 1-10, drawn to a method of making a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 622.

Please cancel claims 11-26 without prejudice to the subject matter disclosed therein.

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